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Q NO.2157 RETURNING OF SRI LANKAN REFUGEES FROM INDIA

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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2157
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.12.2014

RETURNING OF SRI LANKAN REFUGEES FROM INDIA

2157. DR K.P. RAMALINGAM:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Tamil National Alliance of Sri Lanka has sought India's help in the return of Sri Lankan refugees from India, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether it is also true that most of the refugees living in India desire to live in India rather than deporting back to Sri Lanka, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) & (b) The issue concerning the return of Sri Lankan refugees from India has been discussed by Government with the Government of Sri Lanka and other relevant stake holders, including the Tamil National Alliance, in the ongoing political reconciliation efforts in Sri Lanka.

Government has requested the Government of Tamil Nadu to facilitate a visit by an Inter-Ministerial delegation to the Sri Lankan refugee camps in Tamil Nadu so as to assess the desire among Sri Lankan Refugees in India and ascertain the kind of facilitation they expect on return to Sri Lanka. A response from the Government of Tamil Nadu on the visit is awaited.



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